

**The First Annual Conference
on Post-Deployment Care**



Risk Communication and Terrorism:

New Clinical Approaches

**THE PURPOSE OF THIS THREE-DAY CONFERENCE IS TO PRESENT AND
DISCUSS CUTTING-EDGE INFORMATION ON CLINICAL RISK COMMUNICATION
TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH PROVIDER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIPS.**

WHAT IS RISK COMMUNICATION? Clinical risk communication is the purposeful exchange of information between providers and patients designed to help people make better health decisions. Dialogue regarding values, concerns, opinions, reactions, and options are important parts of clinical risk communication.

WHAT ARE THE CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES? To **describe clinical risk communication** and **its application** to provider relationships in the context of war and terrorism. ■ To **provide clinicians and health care professionals with information** about practical risk communication using case studies and standardized community and patient-centered scenarios. ■ To **increase the knowledge and skills of providers** by fostering collaboration and dialogue between risk communication experts and health care providers. ■ To **develop a set of recommendations** for clinical risk communication for future use by the U.S. Department of Defense in the areas of research, policy, and practice.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, health care administrators and other health care professionals who offer or manage occupational or military health care services for workers, former workers, military personnel, veterans and their family members.

WHY SHOULD *YOU* ATTEND? The conference will provide opportunities to: ■ Meet and dialogue with a host of national and internationally known risk communications experts. ■ Network and dialogue with colleagues. ■ Learn and enhance new skills for effectively communicating with your patients. ■ Participate in anniversary activities to honor the heroes of September 11.

BREAK OUT SESSIONS AND CONFERENCE EVENTS Selecting Break out Sessions: Conference break out sessions are scheduled concurrently on each day and will consist of two basic formats—experiential and presentation. The experiential sessions will last three hours in length and will consist of interactive case studies and role-playing activities. The tracks are also tailored to the needs of participants—one for providers and others who have direct patient contact and one for those looking to improve risk communication skills with community issues. We hope that these options will address your diverse needs.